

# The Faith Test

Genesis 42:1-17



October 18, 2015

# Serve & Grow

## *Did You Know?*

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to Southeast coastal flooding

You can join in the response and encourage those in need by standing in the **“GAP” — Give. Act. Pray.**

### **Give**

Financial support for relief efforts can be given online at [viennapres.org/news-events](http://viennapres.org/news-events) by phone, 800-872-3283 or by check: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

### **Act**

Make Gift of the Heart kits to help families who have lost everything in the devastation: instructions at [viennapres.org/news-events](http://viennapres.org/news-events)

### **Pray**

Pray for families impacted by flooding; for first responders and all who put themselves in harm's way; that communities will work together and build stronger relationships and connections; for God's sustaining grace through it all.

For more information, visit [viennapres.org/news-events](http://viennapres.org/news-events)

## *Centered and Soaring*

October 25 - Gift of Years Congregational Celebration.

Please join us in the Great Hall immediately following the 11am service as we honor our seniors who have centered their lives on our Lord and in our church and who soar each day with the promises of God's grace. We have some very special video interviews to share with you and pray you will set that hour aside to honor our long-time members and to learn how our Lord has touched them.

November 1 is **Generosity Sunday**. As we each prepare to offer our pledges using pledge cards or pledging online at [www.viennapres.org/pledge-card](http://www.viennapres.org/pledge-card), please pray that every one of us will center our lives on our Lord and soar with his generosity.

This year our pledge card asks for your support of VPC's 2016 Ministry and Missions. In 2016, we plan to initiate a capital campaign to eliminate our building debt. You can give towards debt reduction now by check or online at [viennapres.org/online-giving](http://viennapres.org/online-giving). Please indicate on the check or online donation that your gift is for debt reduction. Call the church finance office if you have questions, 703.938.9050 x119



get involved.

**Congregational Meeting:** Today, just after the 11am service in the sanctuary. A brief meeting to vote in new officers.

Bethany Women's Center and Alternative House are shelters which regularly need our food support. The easy-to-prepare recipes and sign-up sheet are located outside the kitchen door in a box on the wall. Please call Cindy Alls, 703.222.3657, with any questions.

**Library Volunteers Needed:** One Sunday a month. Some computer knowledge needed. For more information contact [librarian@viennapres.org](mailto:librarian@viennapres.org) or visit [viennapres.org/library](http://viennapres.org/library)

**Hat for the Homeless:** Create warm hats for the Lamb Center. Knit, crochet, sew, quilt, or weave! Full instructions at [viennapres.org/serve-at-vpc](http://viennapres.org/serve-at-vpc); click on the GO tab. No computer? No problem: contact Sue Hamblen at 703.938.9050 x111.

# Worship 8:00am

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Children are welcome in the service! Wiggles, giggles, and whimpers are expected. Worship folders for kids are available just outside the sanctuary. Childcare and Sunday school class schedules are located at the Welcome and Connect Tables.



*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*, is a hymn composed by Isaac Watts in 1708. and paraphrases Psalm 90.

The Psalm is broken up into 4 parts:  
Verses 1-2 explain that God has always been and will always be.

Verses 3-6 explain that life is short

Verses 7-11 explain that people do not always obey God's word

Verses 12-17 is a prayer for God to continue his good works in us.



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Welcome	Connie Jordan-Haas
Call to Worship Psalm 145:1-7	Judy Rust
O God, Our Help in Ages Past, #210	ST. ANNE
Oceans	Hillsong
Video	
Choral Call to Prayer	
Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon	
Video	
Offering He's Always Been Faithful	
Doxology & Prayer of Dedication	Barbara Greig
Video	
Scripture Genesis 42:1-17	Betsy Canaga
Sermon The Faith Test	Peter James
Video	
He Reigns	
Benediction	
Postlude	

**Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.  
Assistive listening devices are available at the Welcome Table.  
A hearing loop is installed under the rear balcony.  
Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.**

# Worship 9:30am

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Jr. Choir dismissed after the Assurance of Pardon.

1st-3rd graders in Bridges, Gateways, and Power-Up are dismissed to their teachers after the Children's Message:  
Children with yellow and blue wristbands, line up in the center aisle.  
Children with green and purple wristbands, line up in the outer aisles.  
Those who wish to attend but have not yet registered and received wristbands, please take your child to the lobby for registration.



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Call to Worship Carolyn Carter  
Psalm 145:1-7

Your Grace Is Enough Maher

Stronger Fieldings/Morgan

Video

Prayer of Confession  
& Assurance of Pardon

***Junior Choir dismissed for rehearsal.***

Children's Message and Video

Offering

Video

Scripture Cheryl Dronsfield  
Genesis 42:1-17

Sermon Peter James  
The Faith Test

Video

All I Have Is Christ Kauflin

Benediction

Postlude

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# Worship 11:00am

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John E. Bode, 1868, wrote *O Jesus, I Have Promised* for his daughter's and two sons' confirmation service. At the time, Bode was a pastor in Cambridgeshire, England. The text is based on a verse in John 12: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it dies alone: but if it die, it bring forth much fruit. He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor"



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Prelude	
Vienna Fanfare	Cathedral Brass
Welcome	Connie Jordan-Haas
Call to Worship	
Psalm 145:1-7	Jim Leach
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!, #142	CORONATION
Video	
Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon	
Father, We Have Sinned (Repentance)	Getty
Video	
Offering	
I Will Sing and Give Thanks	Pote
Doxology	
& Prayer of Dedication	John Cox
Video	
Scripture	
Genesis 42:1-17	Cap Oliver
Sermon	
The Faith Test	Peter James
Video	
O Jesus, I Have Promised, #389, vss. 1, 2, & 4	NYLAND
Benediction	
Postlude	
Immortal, Invisible	Schuster

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## TODAY

Coffee Hour & Breakfast Snacks: Great Hall in between services!

Stop by Grapevine Books for the latest Christian fall jewelry, bags and Bible study books.

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## THIS WEEK

### Senior Adult Activities:

Seminars for Senior Adults, **October 21**, from 6-9pm.

Golf Outing, Thursday, **October 22**. Tee-Off at 9am.

To register visit: [viennapres.org/seniors](http://viennapres.org/seniors) or contact Charles Geschiere at 703.938.9050.

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## LOOKING FORWARD

**Protecting All Children:** Next Sunday during Sunday school. This is part of our commitment to join parents in training a new generation of Christians who experience Christ's love in caring, protective learning environments Separate lessons will be taught to K-1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Comedian, Mack Dryden, "Entertaining – One Belly Laugh at a Time"** on Sunday, October 25, at 3pm at the Oakton High School Auditorium. Proceeds benefit The Shepherd's Center of Oakton. \$25 tickets are available at [www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org) or by phone, 703.281.0538.

**Halloween Pre-Parade Tailgate:** Wednesday, October 28, 5:30-7pm. Face painting, magician, and hotdog dinner. Volunteers needed. Contact [phil.kratovil@viennapres.org](mailto:phil.kratovil@viennapres.org)

**Married People Night Out!** All married couples are invited to attend a night of fun in the Great Hall, Friday, November 20 from 7-9pm. Join us as we celebrate having "serious" fun in our marriages. Come see how well the pastors know their spouses in VPC's rendition of the Not-So-Newlywed Game. You'll laugh...you'll cry from laughing...and you'll enjoy some yummy desserts! \$20 per couple. Free childcare. Sign up at [viennapres.org/strengthen-your-marriage](http://viennapres.org/strengthen-your-marriage)

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## LOOKING FOR HELP?

GriefShare, DivorceCare/Passages, Christian Cancer Companions, Widows' Groups, NewSpring, Stephen Ministry, Renewing Prayer Ministry. Visit [viennapres.org/care](http://viennapres.org/care) or contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116.



Walk in Vienna to support CROP Hunger Walk.

Today!

Meet at the Town Green at 1:15, Walk at 2pm.

There is still time to register for the CROP Walk or to Donate to a Walker today between services near the bookstore.

Or just come to the narthex at 1:15 pm and register.



### Student Ministries Fall Retreat

October 30-November 1  
at Black Rock Retreat.

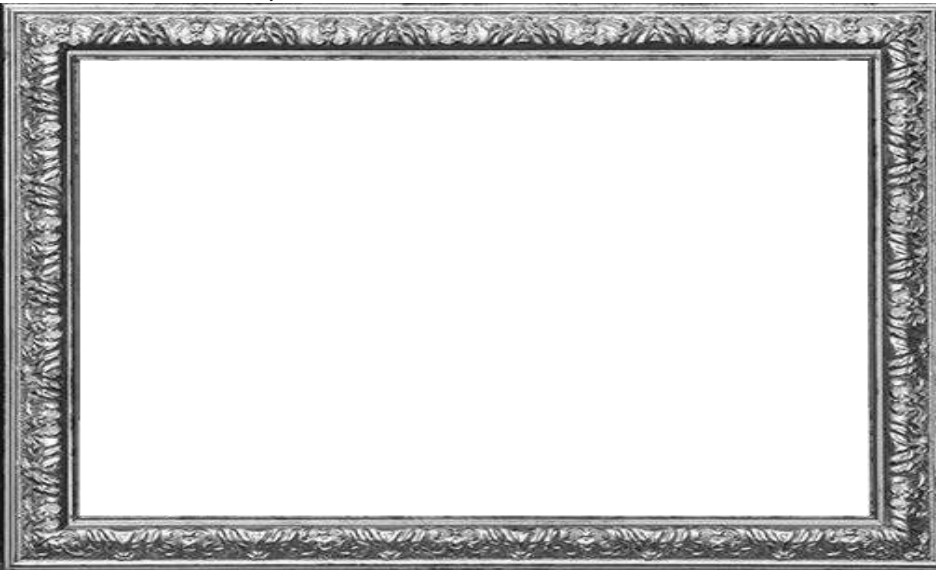
Register now at  
[viennapres.org/sm-events](http://viennapres.org/sm-events)



*Follow along with the sermon:*

1. Though it is not true, what does Joseph accuse his brothers of?
2. Why does Joseph test his brothers and lock them in prison instead of telling them who he really is?
3. What word is used over 200 times in the Bible?
4. God sometimes tests his people. Ultimately, what does God want for us when he tests us?

*Sketch the story*



Tweet a picture of your sketch to @ViennaPres or post to Vienna Presbyterian Church on Facebook.

**Engage &  
Apply**

*Challenge of  
the Week:*

When someone treats us unfairly, we have the choice of revenge or restitution (surrender). Joseph chooses revenge. Think of a time when you were treated unfairly. Did you choose revenge, like Joseph, or restitution? Imagine how things would have turned out if you had chosen the other option. Pray that the next time someone treats you unfairly, you will be able to respond as God would want you to.

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Teaching Pastor: E. Stanley Ott

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Wish to talk about our worship services?

Contact Rachel Thompson,  
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